

## CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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VIA FACSIMILE

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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As part of the Tunney Act proceedings, I submit to the court this letter to be included as part of the public comment in the case of US v. Microsoft. I am writing the courts to express my support for the proposed settlement in this matter.

I write this letter to the courts as a citizen, businessman, and City Councilmember who believes: a) this case has caused enough harm to our country and b) that the settlement more than adequately addresses the issues of concern in US v. Microsoft.

First of all, as a concerned civic activist, I believe the case against Microsoft has brought irreparable damage to the state of our national economy. One can trace the end of our boom era right back to the day Judge Jackson called for Microsoft to be broken up. Microsoft's innovations and investments was probably the largest economic engine the technology industry had. US v. Microsoft has brought everything to a grinding halt. To reject this settlement would unnecessarily ensure the slow down to continue indefinitely. For this reason, I believe the settlement should be accepted.

Secondly, I believe the settlement adequately addresses the issues of concern and ensures Microsoft is forbidden from behaving in an anticompetitive fashion. Because of the microscope the company will operate under, and the restrictions put in place by the settlement, it cannot rationally be argued that monopolistic actions will occur in the future. For this reason, I believe the settlement should be accepted.

I thank the court for their time and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on this case. I hope the settlement will be accepted, and that US v. Microsoft will finally come to an end.

Sincerely.

JACK FELLER